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SIR:

This Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed November 17, 2008.

Please enter the unentered amended claims of the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed November 3, 2008 (Certificate of Mailing dated October 29, 2008) and consider the amended claims on the merits. The arguments for patentability of the amended claims set forth in the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed November 3, 2008 are incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed November 3, 2008 (Certificate of Mailing dated October 29, 2008) is attached hereto for the convenience of the Examiner.

A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2008 accompanies this Request For Continued Examination (RCE).

CONCLUSION

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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